(ii) These functions should be held in a manner befitting official functions with due regard to the protocol requirements, particularly in relation to the Central Ministers and Ministers of State; and

(iii) The foundation stone may be laid by the local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) with the function presided over by the local Minister or other dignitary as per the State protocol.

Rural development schemes in BTAD, Assam

1819. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status report of last three years relating to various schemes implemented and funds utilized under the various rural development schemes in Bodo Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) area of Assam particularly the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA);

(b) whether Ministry is satisfied with the implementation of schemes and fund utilization in BTAD area;

(c) whether any special focus has been given this year in the said area to improve rural infrastructure particularly the rural electrification; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements a number of rural development programmes in the country including Bodo Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) area of Assam. Status of funds utilisation under major rural development programmes in the districts of Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Darrang, Kokrajhar, Kamrup, Nalbari and Sonitpur is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Ministry released funds to these districts as the guidelines of various programmes have been followed as stipulated.

(c) and (d) In so far as the programmes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development are concerned, there is no such proposal.

Statement

Funds utilised under the major programmes in Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Darrang, Kokrajhar, Kamrup, Nalbari and Sonitpur districts of Assam during the last 3 years (2004-05 to 2006-07).

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of Programmes	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4
Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana	16394.41	21106.87	22625.89
National Food For Work Programme	0.00	5031.26	@

1	2	3	4
Natioanl Rural Employment Guarantee Act	@	@	18204.35
Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana	3729.59	4286.57	4586.43
Indira Awas Yojana	11019.72	8852.08	15387.27
Pardhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana	1322.20	4051.00	*
Integrated Wastelands Development Programme	1534.72	1245.02	1129.53
Total Sanitation Compaign	114.50	59.26	291.77

* Sanction received during March 2007, works have awarded recently
@ Not implemented

Expenditing the report on new rehabilitation law

1820. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had sought a report on new rehabilitation law by May, 31 and does not want further delay in the new rehabilitation law and the amendment to the Land Acquisition Act;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister had directed the Ministry and the Group of Ministers to call an urgent meeting to ensure that the final report is made available by May, 31;

(c) if so, whether the Government have received the report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (e) Suitable amendments to the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and revision of the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families, 2003 is under active consideration of the Government. A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted by the Cabinet Secretariat, with the approval of the Prime Minister, in May, 2007 to finalize the drafts of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy and associated legislative measures in cases relating to land acquisition, for consideration of the Cabinet. Three meetings of the GoM have already been held and the next meeting is scheduled to be held shortly. After the drafts are finalized by the GoM, the same may be taken to the Cabinet for consideration.

New areas in Karnataka under NREG Scheme

1821. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether new areas in Karnataka have been brought under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;